IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n the Application of Anders Lunden) Examiner; Ricardo J. Palabrica) Art Unit; 3663
Fitle: A CONTROL ROD AND A CONTROL ROD BLADE FOR A BOILING WATER REACTOR) Art Unit: 3003))
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Sir

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of October 19, 2007 and a statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.